ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Japanese kanji-kana words intended to be entered by a user are predicted from relative few key presses, each single key press indicating a group kana syllables of the fifty sounds table. Text input logic collects all known words which include any syllables of the groups specified in the order specified and sorts the words by relative frequency to predict which word the user is intending to enter. All known words which match the same consonant pattern are collected and those most frequently used are presented at the top of the list from which the user can select the intended word. Predicted word selections are presented to the user in kanji-kana form such that kana-kanji conversion is unnecessary.

5